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Report of David Thompson

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As reported to you personally this forenoon, I had a talk with Mr. George Sipel, and he gave me considerable information. At the time of my interview Mr. Sipel was anxious to get away to go to Somerville with his wife, as he had been notified by the State Police that he should be there. In fact he was afraid that some of the officers might drop in while I was there. I therefore made an appointment to meet him at 7 P. M. to secure his full story, and also that of his wife and children. I went to his home at the appointed time last evening, and found that both he and his wife had been detained at Somerville, and it was doubtful that they would return. I will see him sometime tomorrow.

Mr. Watson introduced me to Mr. and Mrs. Russell. They at the time were leaving for Somerville. I saw them again this evening, and they informed me that they had been to Somerville and had talked with Inspector Underwood, and that he had asked them why Mrs. Russell had gone to Asbury Park without permission from the authorities. They had succeeded in making their peace with him so much so that Underwood said that Mrs. Russell could go to New York to work if she wanted to, but that she must keep in touch with them if she did so. I have an appointment to meet Russell and his wife at 11:30 tomorrow morning, at which time they will take me to interview Schultz. Russell informed me last evening that a number of witnesses who are being called in an effort to discredit his wife's story, for bad reputation, and that he can give me several leads that I will be able to discredit these people. In company with Mr. Edwin Carpender I interviewed Mr. Cornelius Cadmus of R. F. D. No. 3 New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Cadmus for thirteen years was County Assessor and has known Mrs. Gibson since she came into Franklin Township fifteen years ago. He was also Secretary of the Board of Health of Franklin Township for a number of years and states that during that time he received several complaints about the unsanitary conditions which existed at the Gibson farm. He said that Mrs. Gibson was never convicted for any violation of the sanitary laws, but that he had gone to her farm on many occasions, and that she had been summoned before the Board, and would promise to remedy conditions, but would never keep her promises. He also claims that she is a woman who draws upon her imagination to a very great extent, and is untruthful and untrustworthy. To back up his idea of her, he states that while he was County Assessor the County Board ordered that the assessments be raised on the various farms, and that Mrs. Gibson appeared before the Board and charged that the reason that her assessment was raised was due to the fact that she did not give Cadmus liquor and other gifts the same as was being done by other property owners.

Cadmus informed us that Edward Garretson of East Millstone could give us considerable information concerning Mrs. Gibson. This man happens to be one of the members of the new Grand Jury, so for that reason we did not interview him. He also claims that